

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
SOUTH DAKOTA

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN
SPRING DEVELOPMENT
CODE 574**

Landowner/Operator _____

Job Location _____ GPS

Prepared By _____ Date _____

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ITEMS

Operation and maintenance (O&M) is necessary for all conservation practices and is required for all practices installed with NRCS assistance. The landuser is responsible for proper O&M throughout the life of the practice and as may be required by Federal, state or local laws or regulations.

Operation refers to operation of the practice in compliance with all laws, regulations, ordinances, and easements; and in such a manner that will result in the least adverse impact on the environment and will permit the practice to serve the purpose for which it was installed. Maintenance includes work to prevent deterioration of the practice, repairing damage, or replacing components which fail.

Necessary operation and maintenance items for this practice include:

- ☐ Check all connections, covers and seals, valves, insect and rodent guards, and inlets and outlets to make sure they are functioning properly.
- ☐ Maintain, where necessary, coverings and insulation to prevent-damage by freezing.
- ☐ Precaution is needed to prevent herbicides, insecticides and other pollutants from contamination of the water source.
- ☐ Maintain a vigorous growth of desirable vegetation. This includes reseeding, fertilization and application of herbicides when necessary. Periodic mowing or short term grazing may also be needed to control growth.
- ☐ Remove nuisance rodents or burrowing animals. Repair any damage caused by their activity.
- ☐ Maintain installed fences to control human and livestock access.
- ☐ Repair any vandalism, vehicular or livestock damage.

Other _____

